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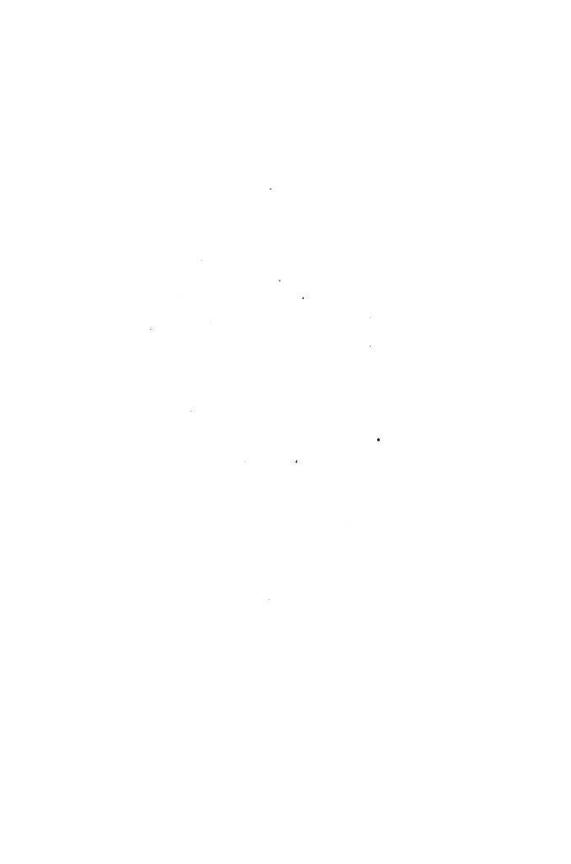
Preface.

At intervals snatched from the daily occupations of life, the following Poems were composed, as prompted by the events to which they relate, and by the joyous, mournful, or meditative moods of the author at the time. They are now published at the request of many friends for whose eye they were in the first instance intended, but the Author is encouraged to hope that they may be found not altogether unacceptable to others, and especially that they may strike a sympathetic chord in the hearts of the sad and suffering who in their hour of trial look to Heaven for comfort and relief.

CATHARINE P. CRAIG.

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November, 1877.



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Introduction.

A SIMPLE tale, of woman's love and wrong,
Told long ago by one who knew it true,
I tell again: yet is it but a thread
On which is hung strange monologues of thought;
Thoughts which had grown by many currents fed,
Fancies as changeful as the varying rhymes
Which through the ever-changing measures flow.